## A memorial of the untouchable classes for a Special Officer.

**16. Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Parayas, Pulayas and other so-called untouchable classes have submitted a petition or memorial to His Highness the Maharaja requesting to appoint a Special Officer to protect the interests and work for the improvement of these classes of people, and if the answer is in the affirmative, whether any reply has been given to those who submitted the petition or memorial;

(b) whether the Government has any objection to grant their request, and if so, what are the reasons for raising any objection?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—(a) Memorials were received for the appointment of a member of the so-called depressed classes as the Superintendent of Industries. They were recorded.

(b) Vide answer 124 of the legislative session.

**Mr. K. T Mathew.**—My question refers to the appointment of an officer to protect the interests and work for the improvement of the depressed classes. Here the answer given is that memorials were received for the appointment of a member of the so-called depressed classes as the Superintendant of Industries. The answer is to a question which I did not put.

**President.**—No other memorials were received here for the purpose stated—"requesting to appoint a special officer". We want to explain the nature of the memorial that was received. Now, I think I have made the matter clear.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—What are the reasons for raising any objection in appointing a protector for the so-called depressed classes?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—I shall read the answer to question No. 124 of Mr. K. T. Mathew.

"Will the Government be pleased to appoint a special officer in Cochin, as is done by the Madras and Travancore Governments, to protect the interests of the so-called depressed classes and work for their improvement?"

Mr. P. Damodara Menon's reply was:—"The Government will be glad to have the subject examined in the form of a resolution and to be given an opportunity to ascertain the sense of the Council".

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Why should this matter alone be submitted to the sense of the Council?

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**President.**—Then Government would be able to consider all the aspects of the question from several points of view and not this matter alone.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—On certain appointments the Governmet do not take the sense of the Council.

**President.**—Each case will have to be examined to show that Government have done the right thing.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Is it so very unimportant?

**President.**—It may be important. They may move it as resolutions in the Council.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Could not this also be treated as other appointments?

**President.**—It is not possible to do so.

## The use of intoxicating liquors in garden parties, etc.

**17. Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to mention whether any Government order is in existence now prohibiting the use of intoxicating liquor in garden parties or such other functions arranged by the Government, and if there is no such order, whether the Government will issue such an order?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—There is no such Government order. The Government do not propose to issue any such order.

## The number of juvenile prisoners in the Jails of the State.

**18. Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state how many juvenile prisoners there were in the Jails of our State in 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925.

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—12, 4, 16, 7 and 16 respectively.

## Reformatory in Travancore and Cochin.

**19. Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(a) whether the Government is not aware that there is a Reformatory in Travancore; and

(b) whether there is any such institution in our State?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

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